

## AMERICAN RED CROSS TO GIVE RURAL HELP

Program for Public Health and Community Welfare Is Now Well Under Way.

Rural communities and towns of less than 8,000 population benefit in a very large part by the public health and community welfare work of the American Red Cross. Almost all of the 8,000 Red Cross chapters have some rural sections in their territory. Therefore the Red Cross Rural Service.

Briefly, the purpose of Rural Service is to assist people to get out of life more health, wealth and happiness. In this purpose public health instruction and general educational progress of both children and adults play a big part.

Recreation is found to be one of the biggest needs in rural life. There is lack of sufficient play-life for the children and social life for the adults. Picnics, pageants, debating clubs, baseball leagues, community singing and other social events which bring the people of surrounding communities together have been organized and carried on under the guidance of Red Cross rural workers to great advantage. In many instances solving recreational problems and getting people together proves to be the awakening of the community to other conditions which may be improved by united action.

As a result of community organization, townships in which there had been neither plans nor interest in community progress have been organized to work together with the unified purpose of bringing their community up to the most enlightened standards. Lecture and musical entertainment courses have been started as a result of community meetings, as well as circulating libraries, Red Cross schools of instruction in Home Nursing, Care of the Sick and First Aid. In the larger towns the need for restrooms and public comfort stations is being met. Playgrounds for the children have been established and recreational activities worked out for the year.

In order that there may be concerted effort in carrying on the programs of the various welfare agencies in the rural districts, Red Cross Rural Service helps the organizations already on the ground. The main object of the service is to lend a hand everywhere and take the lead only where necessary.

### JUNIOR RED CROSS ACTIVE IN EUROPE

Garden seeds for Polish orphans, milk for anaemic Greek babies, carpenters' tools for Czech-Slovakian cripples—these are only a few of the gifts that young Americans are sending to the war-crushed children of the Old World.

Through the Junior Red Cross the boys and girls of the United States are giving a fresh start in life to little war orphans scattered all over Europe. They have set up orphans' homes in France, school colonies in Belgium and Montenegro, and day schools in Albania.

They are sending dozens of young

to American colleges in Constantinople and Beirut, and maintaining more than a hundred orphans of French soldiers at colleges and trade schools. In orphanages and farm schools up and down the peninsula of Italy there are nearly 500 wards of American Juniors. Last winter a thousand French children from the inadequate shelters of the devastated regions were sent by the Junior Red Cross to spend the cold months in warmer parts of France. At the same time five thousand little Belgians were having a hot lunch every day at Junior Red Cross school canteens.

American school children have already raised something like a million dollars for these enterprises, and they are still hard at work.

In China, through campaigns of education, the Junior Red Cross is helping to combat widely prevalent blindness and cholera.

### RED CROSS RELIEF IN CENTRAL EUROPE

But for timely assistance of the American Red Cross during the last year, a large proportion of the 20,000,000 population of the Balkan States might have starved or perished from disease or exposure. Six million dollars worth of food, clothing and medical supplies have been sent to the Balkans—Roumania, Bulgaria, Albania, Montenegro, Serbia, Bosnia and Greece—since the beginning of Red Cross relief operations in Central Europe, while millions of dollars worth of food alone has been sent to the needy in these states.

The money expended by the Red Cross in this stricken portion of Europe has been used to set up hospitals, orphanages, dispensaries, mobile medical units and to help in the general reconstruction of devastated areas. American tractors and other farming implements have been sent to the agricultural regions where aid has been given in plowing the land.

By the last of this year probably all American Red Cross agencies administering relief in Central Europe will have withdrawn. By that time, it is believed, the people will have approached a normal state of living and will be able through their own agencies which the Red Cross has helped set up to provide for themselves.

### HIGH SCHOOL NOTES.

The Latin club party, which was held at the home of Irma and Ethelyn Ellis on Friday night, has been classed as one of the best social parties given this year. Various Latin games were played, and a light lunch was served. Everyone reports a very enjoyable time.

Theodore Hanson, who is conducting a series of meetings at the Presbyterian church this week, spoke to the high school students Monday morning. His subject was "Success". He emphasized that life is just what you make it.

There will be another game on the local grounds Friday afternoon with Crawford. This is the first year Crawford has had a team, but they have a good record so far.

### Random Shots

One of the lady clerks of election in one of the Alliance wards, during the course of counting the ballots, was doing her best to keep the tally straight, meanwhile keeping one ear open for stray words that might be said. She caught the name of "Mc-Swiney" in the conversation. Just to show that she was keeping up with the procession, she declared, emphatically: "Well, the way the votes are going, I don't think there's a chance in the world for him to be elected."

Since Ole Buck has taken to traveling about the state in the interests of the Nebraska press association, a large share of his "Buckshot" are directed toward the rotten hotel and the even rotter railroad service.

Strange, isn't it, that every person who does any traveling should feel that way.

If Ole keeps on saying pleasant things about us, we're going to have to join his darned association.

One man—probably at some time in his life he has been pinched for violating some of the auto laws—says that while citizens are picked up every now and then for speeding, the city's truck doesn't even slow up for corners.

We don't see what he gains by crabbing. In the good old navy days, it was understood that a man "rated everything he got away with."

We'll bet somebody got fired the other day. The expressman brought us a package from Lincoln, and the charges were under \$3.90.

There's a story that comes to us of a man who wanted very much to take an aeroplane ride, but he didn't feel like squandering his hard-earned cash for the privilege. So he approached the pilot on the basis of good fellowship and asked the privilege of accompanying him on a short flight. "I'd like to oblige you, old top," replied the pilot, "but the machine isn't mine, and the boss needs the jack." The man who wanted the ride opened his coat a couple of inches, and the pilot saw the top of a bottle sticking out of the inside pocket. He relented. "I'll take you up," he said, "and we'll stay till the bottle is empty." An Alliance man, who was there when it happened, said that the plane didn't come down for fifty-two minutes, and that he never saw a pilot take so many chances or cut so many figures.

There are a few men whose cellars are in the right shape to secure them air passports, but we'll have to stay on the ground—unless

A Pleasant Funeral  
Jim Gibberson of Columbus is one

man who isn't in the least distressed over the awful republican majorities, according to Edgar Howard. Gibberson explains the absence of grief from democratic faces by telling a story. He says that when he was a young man he attended the funeral of a woman who had been the fourth wife of an elderly man. In the evening of the day of the funeral he met the bereaved husband on the street and tendered his sympathy, remarking the large attendance at the funeral. The good man who had just buried his fourth wife thanked Jim for his sympathy, and, speaking of the funeral, said: "I hope everything passed off pleasantly."

Mrs. Hughes of Wyoming, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Lee Moore, left Alliance Monday for Lincoln, where she will visit another daughter.

Louise Spison, who is employed at the Manhattan cafe, had her finger badly cut in the meat saw, while at work Monday morning.

Miss Ira Clark returned Sunday morning from Omaha, where she has been attending the meetings of the state teachers' association.

Fred Buelow of Alliance underwent a serious operation Monday morning. He is doing as well as can be expected at the present.

William C. Henkel, recruiting officer, was called to Campbell, Neb., Friday on account of the death of a brother-in-law.

Mrs. E. H. Duysan of Antioch, underwent a major operation at the hospital Monday morning.

P. E. Romig returned from Scottsbluff Monday noon.

Mrs. F. W. Lester entertained Mrs. Clarence Ormsby at dinner Sunday.

Gaylord Chase, manual training teacher in the Alliance schools, was among those who attended the state teachers' association meetings at Omaha the past week.

Edna Harmsen of Potter had her tonsils removed Tuesday morning at the hospital.

Dr. H. H. Bellwood went to Denver Friday on business, returning Sunday.

Raymond Case was injured Saturday afternoon while working on the rip track. The hinge from a car door fell off, striking him just below the right eye. He has not returned to work yet, but he expects to be back on the job within a few days.

Closing out auto oils and grease at cost. One 33x4" tire, \$15.00. A few spot lights at \$1.00. Several oil burners at half price. W. E. Cutts. 99



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